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SUBJECT: PARAGUAY: ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE OFFERS FOR
HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF

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[1](#)1. On 9/6 Post received the following additional offers of assistance for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts from Paraguayan individuals in the private sector:

-- Luis Pettengill and Jose D. Bogarin, of the company Frigorifico Guarani, S.A.--a meat processing company that is the exclusive provider for McDonald's and Burger King in Paraguay and Burger King in Brazil-- have offered to provide a container with 13,000 kilos of frozen hamburger meat. Pettengill may be contacted at 011-595-21-670-796 or via fax 011-595-21-670-800 or via email fg@fguarani.com.py.

-- Gustavo Pineiro, a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Professor of Psychology at the Metropolitan University of Asuncion, has offered his psychological counseling services for crisis victims, especially children. Piniero is Uruguayan-born, and trained and licensed in Paraguay. He speaks English. (Note: Mr. Pineiro acquired valuable experience with tragedy victims, during last year's tragic supermarket fire in Asuncion that took the lives of nearly 400 individuals. End Note.) He may be contacted at 011-595-21-419-2810; his cell phone number is 011-595-991-833-715; his email is pineiro@conexion.com.py or gepineiro@hotmail.com.

-- Marcos Jose Marmol has offered to provide environmental sterilization services for hospitals, houses, and public buildings. He gained experience in providing such services while working with a company in the State of Georgia. Marmol speaks English, has a valid U.S. visa and is willing to travel to the U.S. for up to 30 days to provide these volunteer services. He also is willing to fund his travel expenses. He may be contacted at 011-595-21-525-030 (home); his cell number 011-595-981-434-257; or via email at marmolj@telesur.com.py.

-- Fernand Ibarra, senior director of a major funeral business in Asuncion, has offered to provide his mortuary services, including embalming, etc. Ibarra has 20 years experience as a mortician. He speaks English, has a valid U.S. visa, and is willing to fund his own travel to the U.S. (Note: Ibarra also acquired valuable experience in providing crisis services during the supermarket fire last August in Asuncion. End Note.) He may be contacted via his cell phone 011-595-981-403-021.

-- Graciela Mayor is volunteering to provide nautical services, including piloting inboard/outboard motors, ships, and other nautical vessels for search and rescue operations. Mayor speaks English and holds a valid U.S. visa. She may be reached via home phone 011-595-21-663-627.

-- The Foreign Ministry's Director of Bilateral Affairs, Ambassador Ceferino Valdez offered the services of a veterinarian trained in the rescue of wild life (including cats and dogs). She has some English skills. Valdez' phone number is 011-595-21-494-900; his cell number is 011-595-981-515-728; his email is ceferinovaldez@mre.gov.py

[1](#)2. Post thanked these individuals for their generous offers and advised them that as soon as possible Post will inform them on how to implement their offers of assistance.

[1](#)3. Political Officer, Susan Sutter, is Embassy Asuncion's Point of Contact on these matters. Her office phone number is 011-595-21-213-715, Ext. 2286; her cell phone number is 011-595-971-202-100; her email is sutterss@state.gov.

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